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RAILROAD CABLE BRIDGE UNDER CONSTRUCTION
XOM KHE, NORTH VIETNAM
1758N 10555E


1. SIGNIFICANCE:

THIS BRIEFING BOARD DEPICTS THE FIRST OBSERVANCE
OF A RAILROAD CABLE BRIDGE UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN NORTH
VIETNAM.

2. BACKGROUND:

RECONNAISSANCE PHOTOGRAPHY 
REVEALED THE FIRST KNOWN VEHICULAR CABLE BRIDGE IN
NORTH VIETNAM. THE TECHNIQUE EMPLOYED CONSISTED OF
THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CABLES AND REMOVABLE SECTIONS OF
BRIDGE DECKING IN ORDER TO MAKE AN APPARENTLY UNSER-
VICEABLE BRIDGE SERVICEABLE.

3. LOCATION:

THE RAILROAD CABLE BRIDGE UNDER CONSTRUCTION IS
LOCATED ON THE TRUSS OF THE DESTROYED XOM KHE RAILROAD
BRIDGE OVER KHE NET  ON THE VINH/DONG HOI
RAIL LINE.

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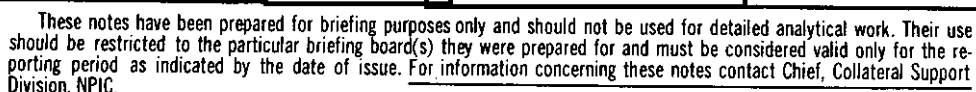
4. MISSION READOUT:

25X1  REVEALS CABLE
SUPPORTS LYING ON THE GROUND AND ON THE TRUSS OF THE
DESTROYED XOM KHE RAILROAD BRIDGE. APPROACHES TO THE
BRIDGE ARE UNDER CONSTRUCTION ON BOTH SIDES OF THE KHE
NET (STREAM); HOWEVER, NO TRACK HAS BEEN EMPLACED.

THIS ACTIVITY IS IN ADDITION TO A RAIL BY-PASS
UNDER CONSTRUCTION NORTH OF THE DESTROYED BRIDGE (SEE
NPIC BRIEFING BOARD L-1241).

25X1  REVEALS THE CABLE
BRIDGE TO BE IN LATE STAGES OF CONSTRUCTION. CONSTRUCTION
CONSISTS OF A CABLE ANCHORAGE ON EACH BANK OF THE KHE
NET (STREAM), SIX WOODEN A-FRAME CABLE SUPPORTS (THREE
OF WHICH ARE SUPPORTED BY THE TRUSS OF THE DESTROYED
BRIDGE), AND TWO CABLES SPANNING THE STREAM.

AT THIS STAGE OF CONSTRUCTION IT CANNOT BE
DETERMINED WHETHER BRIDGE DECKING AND RAILS WILL BE
PLACED ON THE CABLES OR WHETHER THE CABLES THEMSELVES
WILL SERVE AS RAILS.

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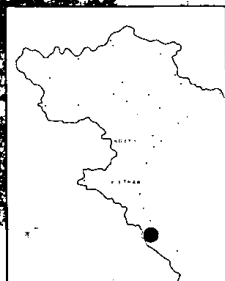
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RAILROAD CABLE BRIDGE UNDER CONSTRUCTION

XOM KHE, NORTH VIETNAM

17-58N 105-55E



APPROACH U/C

DESTROYED XOM KHE
RAILROAD BRIDGE

CABLE SUPPORTS

6X ENLARGEMENT
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CABLE ANCHOR

2 CABLES

CABLE SUPPORTS

KHE NET

6X ENLARGEMENT

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